

***William F. Goodling Even Start Family Literacy Programs***  
**(Subpart 3 of Part B of Title I of the No Child Left Behind Act)**

**SEC. 1236. ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANTS.**

(a) IN GENERAL- . . . eligible participants in an Even Start program are —

(1) a parent or parents —

(A) who are eligible for participation in adult education and literacy activities under the Adult Education and Family Literacy Act\*; or

(B) who are within the State's compulsory school attendance age range, so long as a local educational agency provides (or ensures the availability of) the basic education component required under this subpart, or who are attending secondary school; **and**

(2) the child or children, from birth through age 7 of any individual described in paragraph (1)

***\* Adult Education and Family Literacy Act***  
**(Title II of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998)**

**Section 203 Definitions:**

(1) ADULT EDUCATION- The term 'adult education' means services or instruction below the postsecondary level for individuals—

(A) who have attained 16 years of age;

(B) who are not enrolled or required to be enrolled in secondary school under State law; **and**

(C) who—

(i) lack sufficient mastery of basic educational skills to enable the individuals to function effectively in society;

(ii) do not have a secondary school diploma or its recognized equivalent, and have not achieved an equivalent level of education; **or**

(iii) are unable to speak, read, or write the English language.

*Please note: The above is the federal definition of eligibility for adult education participants. There may also be additional state and/or local requirements or guidance.*